

The Jabe Peake Trust



Jabe is a young boy who unexpectedly suffered from oxygen loss at birth. As a result he has Cerebral Palsy. Everyone who meets Jabe agrees that he is delightful – with a great sense of humour, a boyish charm, and a generous smile that wins people over very quickly. He is also very bright and observant, and has even been known to be bossy!

Cerebral Palsy (CP) is not a disease or an illness. It is the description of a physical impairment that affects movement, and is caused by damage to the brain that can take place before, during, or in the early days after birth. The movement problems vary from barely noticeable to extremely severe. No two people with CP are the same – it is as individual as the people themselves.

CP affects children in many different ways, but for Jabe his biggest challenge is with his physical coordination and 'motor' skills. Walking, something that most of us take for granted, is something that Jabe finds difficult – even with support from a helper. The use of his hands and mouth has also been affected, making fine co-ordination hard work, and clear speech difficult.

The good news is that Jabe faces his challenges head on and works very hard to make the most of his situation. He is in a mainstream school, where he applies himself well, making the most of his intelligence and problem solving skills. His favourite subjects are Maths, History, Technology, Art... – in fact there's not much he doesn't like!

Technology plays an important part in Jabe's life – computers enable him to explore, play, learn, and more easily express himself; and his powered wheelchair gives him the independence and freedom to move about.

As Jabe grows older he will continue to rely on other people and the use of technology to perform many of the tasks we take for granted. Amazingly, one day he may be able to drive a car on his own!



Jabe's Trust Fund

To provide for Jabe as he grows older we have set up a trust for his benefit. This trust will be used to fund the purchase of the equipment and support services Jabe needs. Examples include computer and therapy equipment; specialist holidays (especially adventure ones!); wheelchairs and their maintenance; human support; modifications to housing and transport; and much more...!

Over the past few years our fundraising has enabled us to purchase an adapted vehicle that can transport Jabe in his powered wheelchair.

Jabe's trust is designed to make sure that funds donated to support him are properly directed and managed - for example as Jabe's parents we are not allowed to directly benefit from the trust fund. The trustees are Zac (Jabe's dad), Nick (a church leader), and Hilary (a family friend).

In summary the trust's aims are:

- **To support Jabe throughout his lifetime, through:**
 - **Investing for his future**
 - **Acquiring equipment**
 - **Providing suitable accommodation**
 - **Providing services for his benefit**
- **To support charities that benefit mentally and/or physically disabled people**

Supporting Jabe

There are many ways in which you can help support Jabe. Here are some of them:

- You can **give to the Jabe Peake Trust Fund**. Jabe has a range of ongoing needs, and as he gets older he will need continued equipment and financial support to be able to lead an active and independent life. Any cheques should be made payable to the Jabe Peake Trust Fund.
- You could run a **sponsored event** to support Jabe. Let us know if we can assist you in this.
- We have **Christmas cards** available for you to buy in aid of Jabe's trust fund.
- **Ideas?** Let us know if you have any other ideas or suggestions!

If you are considering supporting Jabe financially and would like to know more, or see a copy of our trust deed, then please contact us.



Keeping In Touch

We hope you have found this information useful. If you would like to know more, or would like to keep in touch through our newsletters, then you can contact us by any of the following means:

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Also, if you are in a similar situation, or know of someone who is, then we may have some useful experiences to share and would be happy to do so.

The Future

We look on Jabe's development as an adventure. When it started it wasn't something we expected or wanted, and it has been very tough at times, but there have been many moments when it has been great fun and full of laughs. Along with Jabe's family, friends, and supporters we are committed to supporting Jabe as he grows older, helping him overcome the many hurdles and challenges he faces, but above all enjoying the journey - whatever it throws at us!